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SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES (TRS) FUND YEAR JULY 2001 THROUGH JUNE 2002

CC DOCKET NO. 90-571

Pleading Cycle Established

Comments Due: February 22, 2002

Reply Comments Due: March 1, 2002

On January 4, 2002, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed a supplemental submission proposing to modify the reimbursement rates for traditional TRS, video relay service (VRS), and speech-to-speech (STS) relay service.¹ NECA recommends increasing the traditional TRS rate from \$1.309 to \$1.395 per completed interstate conversation minute, increasing the VRS rate from \$7.449 to \$9.614, and decreasing the STS rate from \$2.62 to \$2.469 for minutes incurred from August 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.²

The Commission had previously approved the payment formula, fund size requirement and carrier contribution factor for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.³ The suspension of operations by a TRS provider with a projected significant volume of minutes for the 2001-2002 funding period necessitated a recalculation of the reimbursement rates for traditional TRS, VRS, and STS.⁴ Accordingly, the Interstate TRS Fund Advisory Council, at their semi-annual meeting on December 4, 2001, approved a motion to recalculate the payment rates for 2001-2002 and submit a supplemental rate filing.⁵

¹ Supplemental Submission Concerning the Payment Formula and Fund Size Estimate for Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Fund for July 2001 thru June 2002, filed by NECA (Jan. 4, 2002) (*Supplemental Submission*).

² *Id.* at 2.

³ See Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Fund Administration Fund Size Estimate and Payment Formula, July 2001 Through June 2002), CC Docket 90-571, *Order*, 16 FCC Rcd 12895 (2001). See also 47 C.F.R. § 64.604 (C)(4)(iii)(H).

⁴ *Supplemental Submission* at 1.

⁵ *Id.* at 1-2. The minutes projected by the above-mentioned TRS provider were deducted from the new calculations.

Interested parties may file comments concerning this matter on or before **February 22, 2002** and reply comments on or before **March 1, 2002**. All filings must reference **CC Docket 90-571**. Two copies should also be sent to Sanford Williams, Networks Services Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC, 20554.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 13 FCC Rcd 11322, 11326 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Or you may obtain a copy of the ASCII Electronic Transmittal Form (FORM-ET) at <www.fcc.gov/e-file/email.html> .

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings must be mailed to the Commission's Acting Secretary, William F. Caton, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties also should send three paper copies of their filing to Sanford Williams, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

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For further information, please contact Sanford Williams at 202-418-2320, swilliam@fcc.gov. The address is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. The TTY Number is 202-418-0484 and the Fax number is 202-418-2345.

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